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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 10061 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO ROME
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QTE: UNCLAS GENEVA 10061

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SUBJ: ITU: BROADCAST SATELLITE CONFERENCE: ITALPAN VIEWS

REF: (A) GENEVA 9816, (B) GENEVA 9914, (C) STATE 301984

1. PURSUANT TO REF B TERZANI CALLED ON TELECOMS
ATTACHE ON DEC 21. WE ADVISED HIM OF US POSITIONS
ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN REF C. TERZANI SAID HE WAS
REASSURED AND WISHED US TO KNOW THAT WEST EUROPEANS
HAD NO DESIRE TO PUSH REGION 2 INTO AN A PRIORI PLAN
OVER US AND CANADIAN OBJECTIONS. HE WAS ALSO REASSURED
THAT US DID NOT PLAN TO PUSH VIEW TO BITTER END THAT
WARC HAD POWER TO REVISE THE RADIO REGULATIONS, WHICH
HE SAID HAD VIRTUALLY NO SUPPORT ASIDE FROM US AND
CANADA.

2. THE ONE FURTHER QUESTION THAT TERZANI HAD FOR US
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WAS IF USG SUPPORTED CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON
SEPARATE REGION 2 CONFERENCE ON BROADCAST SATELLITS
IN 1981. WE INFORMED HIM THAT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF
USG VIEWS ON THIS MATTER, BUT THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT
US MIGHT HOLD BACK IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL
AND USE AS FALLBACK IF PRESSURES DEVELOPED TO GO TO

REGION 2 PLAN AT UPCOMING WARC. TERZANI WONDERED IF HE COULD GET RESPONSE IN ROME PRIOR TO JAN 1. FOR DEPT: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY ROME. FOR ROME: PLEASE INFORM TERZANI BY PHONE AT THIS OFFICE, NUMBER : 387825754.

3. TERZANI CONFIRMED ASLAN'S STATEMENT IN REF A PARA 2 THAT HIS MAJOR CONCERN WAS TO PREVENT WESTERN EUROPEANS AND SOVIETS FROM MAKING COMMON CAUSE AGAINST THE NORTH AMERICANS AT THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE WAS GREATLY REASSURED AT WHAT HE WAS TOLD TODAY.

4. TERZANI'S OTHER COMMENTS WERE:

(A) CEPT COUNTRIES AND SOVIETS HAD COME CLOSE TO AGREEMENT AT ROME MEETING RE POWER FLUX DENSITIES; CEPT WANTS MINUS 101, RUSSIANS SAID THEY WOULD SETTLE FOR MINUS 105 (DOWN FROM 128); TERZANI THINKS THEY WILL COMPROMISE AT MINUS 103.

(B) AT ROME SOVIETS INDICATED WEST BERLIN WOULD BE A PROBLEM AT THE CONFERENCE; ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR USSR WILL BE HANDLING REQUESTS FROM SMALL COUNTRIES -- PARTICULARLY VATICAN, MONACO AND POSSIBLY ANDORRA AND LIECHTENSTEIN.

(C) KHARTOUM SEMINAR WAS A FAILURE INsofar AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO EDUCATE AFRICANS ON BCS; MOST OF THE PRESENTATIONS WERE TOO TECHNICAL AND WENT OVER THE HEADS OF THE PEOPLE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP. CATTO UNQTE: ROBINSON

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